GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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Power Bill of Railways
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the annual consumption and power bill of the Railways in the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the mode of procurement of power by the Railways;

(c) whether the Railways has initiated steps to reduce its spending on power; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) Indian Railways have consumed 17661, 18246 and 17763 (provisional) (in million kwh) and paid 11,488 crore, 12,316 crore and 11945 crore (approximately) during 2013-'14, 2014-'15 and 2015-'16 (provisional) respectively for power consumption (traction and non-traction).

(b) to (d) Earlier, Indian Railways was getting power from various State utilities/central generating companies.

The steps taken to reduce expenditure on power are procurement through bidding process/bilateral arrangements, setting up of captive power plant, deployment of energy efficient locomotives and Electric Multiple Units (EMUs) with regenerative braking, electrification of Railway network, adopting energy conservation measures etc.
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